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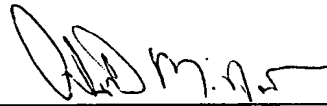
1. U.S. Patent No. 6,008,338, issued December 28, 1999; and
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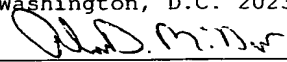
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